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CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Polk County River Place
2309 Euclid Avenue, Room 3A
Des Moines, IA**

November 20, 2013

Present: Tom Ferguson, Chair; Mardi Allen; Trisha Barto; Romonda Belcher; Kim Cheeks; DeAnn Decker; Stephanie Fawkes-Lee; Paul Fitzgerald; Michelle Leonard; Steve Lukan; Amber Markham; Lettie Prell; Sherri Soich; Tom Walton

Ex Officio: Rep. Chip Baltimore; Sen. Robert Hogg; Sen. Charles Schneider; Rep. Mary Wolfe

Absent: Jason Carlstrom; Sam Langholz; Hon. Jeffrey Neary; John Spinks;

Staff: Paul Stageberg; Cheryl Davidson; Cheryl Davidson; Sarah Rabey; Julie Rinker; Lanette Watson

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Introductions were made.

II. Approval of Minutes—September 11, 2013

Michelle Leonard moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting, seconded by Mardi Allen. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Division Update

Stageberg reviewed the following:

- Juvenile Justice Reform Project—data collection will soon begin to assess local programs in the pilot sites.
- Federal funding was recently awarded to develop an online detention screening tool to be housed in the Iowa Courts Information System. The State Court Administrator's office chairs the group.
- Second Chance Grant—Although onsite evaluation services were included in the original solicitation, a national contractor will be used. Stageberg will be sending a letter of complaint to the Department of Justice and Iowa's federal delegation

regarding the matter.

- The following projects continue: Family Drug Court; School-to-Court.
- SAC Grant—began October 1. Some changes next year may reduce funding. The current amount is \$75,000.
- Staff are working on the 2011 Uniform Crime Report.
- The CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) new hardware has been installed, new exchanges continue to be developed.
- Justice Data Warehouse (JDW) staff are in the process of hiring an outside contractor for work currently done in-house by an individual who will be leaving CJJP within the next year.
- Approval was received to fill the vacant position that was approved last year by the Legislature. The position should be filled early next year.
- The Prison Population Forecast has been completed and will be released by the end of the week.

IV. Review of December, 2013 Report

The Council reviewed the report. The following changes were requested:

- Page 4 – “Assault while participating in a felony” will be changed to “Interference with Official Acts”
- Page 5 – “K2, Salvia, and Bath Salts” – will be changed to “Synthetic Drugs”. A discussion was held regarding the reliability of voluntary reporting by hospitals. DeAnn Decker will inquire into the consistency and percentage of hospitals reporting as well as the drop in the number of Emergency Room Visits reported from 2009 to 2010. A footnote will be added referencing the yes/no columns in Table 1.
- Page 12 – Residential Treatment Backlog – Lettie Prell discussed the opening of residential space and funding for Department of Corrections staff. She suggested the wording be changed to: The Department of Corrections’ FY2014 budget allocates funds to staff newly constructed bed space in residential correctional facilities around the state to increase capacity.

[10:42 a.m. Kim Cheeks joined the meeting]

- Page 18 – Enhanced Penalty for Domestic Abuse Assault Involving Strangulation – CJJP staff will review the number of convictions for domestic assault.
- Page 19 – Recidivism study based on the Anderson Ruling – “Anderson” will be underlined.
- Page 21 – DNA – Definition of hits and conviction data will be added.

Paul Fitzgerald moved to accept the report with the noted changes, seconded by Prell. The motion was unanimously approved.

Wolfe thanked CJJP for the information, thought it would be helpful to Legislature.

[11:08 a.m. Tom Walton joined the meeting.]

Stageberg noted the report will be submitted to the Legislature by the December 1st deadline and posted to the CJJP website.

V. Other Matters Arising

There was consensus to hold meetings on the following dates in 2014: May 14, September 24, and November 19.

VI. Adjournment

Paul Fitzgerald moved to adjourn, seconded by Leonard. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rinker
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